

Casa Alvarez
Florissant
St. Louis County
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

CASA ALVAREZ

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Location: 289 Rue St. Denis, Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1790. The earliest part of this house is a link with the Spanish colonial government, as Eugenio Alvarez (c. 1736-1816) was military storekeeper to the King of Spain. It is a hewn-frame structure with a basement, unusual for the colonial architecture of the time. (From, St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation, Historic Buildings in St. Louis County, 1985).

The long sweep of the roof ending abruptly in a front gallery is of the Missouri French design characteristic of the village.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.

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